

**COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A necktie removably attachable to a button-down shirt of the type having a row of buttons disposed down the front thereof, said necktie comprising a single elongated article of clothing having a wide end having front and rear surfaces and a narrow end having front and rear surfaces, wherein first attachment means are provided on said rear surface of said wide end and said front surface of said narrow end to fixedly attach said wide end to said narrow end such that said first attachment means is not visible on said front surface of said wide end, and wherein second attachment means are provided on said rear surface of said narrow end to fixedly attach said rear surface of said narrow end to said row of buttons such that said first attachment means and said second attachment means are completely invisible to outward appearance to thereby create an aesthetically pleasing and completely natural appearance to said necktie.

2. (ORIGINAL) The necktie of claim 1, wherein said first attachment means comprises at least one first attachment button disposed on said front surface of said narrow end and a plurality of corresponding first attachment button holes disposed on said rear surface of said wide end.

3. (ORIGINAL) The necktie of claim 1, wherein said second attachment means comprises a plurality of second attachment button holes corresponding to said buttons on said shirt disposed on said rear surface of said narrow end.

4. (ORIGINAL) The necktie of claim 1, wherein said first attachment means and said second attachment means comprise at least one button disposed on said rear surface of said wide end and a plurality of button holes disposed within said narrow end, wherein said at least one button on said wide end may be inserted within and engaged by at least one button hole so as to secure said wide end to said narrow end, and further wherein at least one button on said shirt may be inserted within and engaged by at least one button hole on said narrow end so as to secure said necktie to said shirt.

5. (ORIGINAL) The necktie of claim 4, wherein two buttons are disposed on said rear surface of said wide end, said buttons being separated by a distance of 7 inches.

6. (ORIGINAL) The necktie of claim 4, said button holes are approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in length and are separated from each other by approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A necktie removably attachable to a button-down shirt of the type having a row of buttons disposed down the front thereof, said necktie comprising a single elongated article of clothing having a wide end having front and rear surfaces and a narrow end, wherein at least one button is provided on said rear surface of said wide end and a plurality of button holes is provided on said narrow end such that said wide end is fixedly attachable to said narrow end by engaging said at least one button within at least one of said plurality of button holes such that said at least one button is not visible when said necktie is being worn, and further wherein said narrow end is fixedly attachable to said shirt by engaging at least one of said row of

buttons on said shirt within at least one of said plurality of button holes, such that said attachment of said buttons to said button holes is completely invisible to outward appearance to thereby create an aesthetically pleasing and completely natural appearance to said necktie.